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TAGS: SREF, WFP, UNHCR, AS, PK, AF, TH, CB, SO  
SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN FOOD AID TO REFUGEES

REF: ISLAMABAD 3590,

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BILL HAYDEN ANNOUNCED DURING THE RECENT VISIT TO CANBERRA OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, PAUL HARTLING, THAT THE GOA WILL BE PROVIDING FOOD AID WORTH ADOLS 10,013,700 FOR USE IN REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OPERATED BY UNHCR. THE FOOD AID WILL GO TO REFUGEES IN THAILAND, RETURNEES IN KAMPUCHEA, AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN, AND REFUGEES IN SOMALIA. IT WILL TAKE THE FORM OF GRAIN (RICE, WHEAT, AND FLOUR), WHOLE MILK POWDER, AND HIGH PROTEIN BISCUITS.  
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2. DETAILS OF THE FOUR COUNTRY FOOD AID PROGRAMS, AS ANNOUNCED BY HAYDEN, FOLLOW. (REFTEL REPORTED AUSTRALIA'S FOOD AID PLEDGE AT THE SECOND AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM DONORS MEETING, WHICH IS AGAIN RECOUNTED HERE.)

PAKISTAN -- THE 2.7 MILLION AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN COMPRISE THE WORLD'S LARGEST SINGLE

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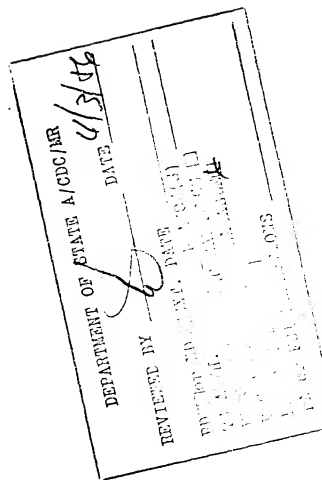
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REFUGEE POPULATION. AUSTRALIA WILL PROVIDE 25,000 METRIC TONS OF WHEAT (WORTH 5,750,000 DOLLARS) TO THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) WHICH HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH UNHCR TO MONITOR AND COORDINATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN.

THAILAND -- 59 METRIC TONS OF HIGH PROTEIN BISCUITS (WORTH 184,300 DOLLARS) AND 50 METRIC TONS OF WHOLE MILK POWDER (WORTH 105,000 DOLLARS) WILL BE PROVIDED TO BENEFIT THE 67,900 CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN THAILAND.

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... CAMBODIA -- 2,000 METRIC TONS OF RICE (WORTH  
... 1,052,000 DOLLARS) WILL BE PROVIDED FOR USE IN  
... THE UNHCR CAMBODIAN RETURNEES PROGRAM.

... SOMALIA -- THERE ARE CURRENTLY 700,000 REFUGEES  
... IN SOMALIA. AUSTRALIA IS PROVIDING 100 METRIC  
... TONS OF HIGH PROTEIN BISCUITS (VALUED AT 312,400  
... DOLLARS) TO UNHCR, AS WELL AS 3,000 METRIC TONS  
... OF RICE (WORTH 1,455,000 DOLLARS) AND 3,000 METRIC  
... TONS OF FLOUR (WORTH 1,155,000 DOLLARS). THE  
... RICE AND FLOUR WILL BE PROVIDED TO WFP FOR USE IN  
... UNHCR PROGRAMS.

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... 3. COMMENT: THIS FOOD AID SPECIFIED FOR REFUGEES  
... FORMS ONLY A PART OF AUSTRALIA'S FOOD AID PROGRAM,  
... WHICH IS BUDGETED FOR ADOLS 103 MILLION IN THE  
... CURRENT AUSTRALIA FY (JULY 1, 1983 TO JUNE 30, 1984)  
... AND ADMINISTERED BY THE AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT  
... ASSISTANCE BUREAU. AUSTRALIA'S 1982-83 FOOD AID  
... PROGRAM WAS VALUED AT ADOLS 104.8 MILLION. END COMMENT.  
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